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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES UPDATED LIST OF AMATEUR SERVICE CLUB AND MILITARY RECREATION STATION CALL SIGN ADMINISTRATORS

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) announces that Central Alabama Volunteer Exam Coordinator (Central Alabama VEC) is authorized to serve as a Club Station Call Sign Administrator (CSCSA).

On October 21, 1998, the FCC adopted a *Report and Order* reinstituting the use of volunteer organizations for the purpose of processing applications for amateur radio service club and military recreation station licenses.[1] On January 3, 2000, WTB announced that beginning March 1, 2000, we would accept requests from organizations interested in processing applications for amateur service club and military recreation station call signs and that each selected organization would be designated as a CSCSA.[2] A CSCSA is an amateur radio organization that has tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and agrees to provide voluntary, uncompensated and unreimbursed services for processing applications for club and military recreation station licenses. It must agree to submit applications to the FCC in an electronic batch file, to retain the application information for at least 15 months, and to make the application information available to the FCC upon request. The CSCSA may collect all necessary information in any manner of its choosing, including creating its own forms.

In response to the January 3, 2000 *Public Notice*, we granted requests from three amateur radio organizations requesting to be designated as CSCSAs.[3] On January 5, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued a *Public Notice* announcing that it would only accept applications for new, modified, or renewed amateur service club and military recreation station licenses from a CSCSA.[4] Specifically, the January 5, 2001, *Public Notice* clarified that to obtain a new amateur service club station or military recreation station license, or to modify or renew an amateur service club station or military recreation station license, an operator must file its application with one of the CSCSAs identified by the

[1] *See* Biennial Regulatory Review – Amendment of Parts 0, 1, 13, 22, 24, 26, 27, 80, 87, 90, 95, 97, and 101 of the Commission's Rules to Facilitate the Development and Use of the Universal Licensing System in the Wireless Telecommunications Services, *Report and Order,* WT Docket 98-20, 13 FCC Rcd 21027, 21105-06 ¶ 181 (1998), *on recon*., *Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration*, 14 FCC Rcd 11476 (1999).
[2] *See* FCC Begins Accepting Applications for Amateur Service Club and Military Recreation Station Call Sign Administrators, *Public Notice*, DA 99-3018 (WTB rel. Jan. 3, 2000).
[3] *See* Letter from The American Radio Relay League, Inc. to Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC (filed Mar. 1, 2000); Letter from W4VEC, Volunteer Examiners Club of America to Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC (filed Mar. 1, 2000); Letter from W5YI-VEC, Inc. to Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC (filed Mar. 17, 2000). On August 5, 2020, the Bureau also received a request from Anchorage ARC VEC to become the fourth authorized CSCSA, demonstrating tax-exempt status, compliance with CSCSA requirements, and completion of a pilot autogrant filing project. *See* Letter from Anchorage ARC VEC to Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC (filed August 5, 2020).
[4] *See* Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces Amateur Service Club and Military Recreation Station Call Sign Administrators, *Public Notice*, DA 01-36 (WTB Jan. 5, 2001).

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On January 7, 2025, the Bureau received a request from Central Alabama VEC to become an authorized CSCSA. The request demonstrated tax-exempt status, compliance with CSCSA requirements, and completion of an electronic batch file through a pilot autogrant filing project.[5] Consistent with the procedures outlined in the January 3, 2000 *Public Notice*, we therefore announce the additional designation of Central Alabama VEC as a CSCSA. The updated list of organizations authorized as CSCSAs by the FCC is now as follows:

American Radio Relay League, Inc., 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111. Contact: VEC Department, (860) 594-0300; website: www.arrl.org; e-mail: CSCSA@arrl.org

W4VEC Volunteer Examiners Club of America, P.O. Box 41, Lexington, NC 27293-0041. Contact: Billy Stewart, (704) 279-8567; website: www.w4vec.org; e-mail: bstewart@windstream.net

W5YI-VEC, P.O. Box 260196, Plano, TX 75026-0916. Contact: Allan Batteiger, (972) 412-5221; website: www.w5yi.org; e-mail: vec@w5yi-vec.org

Anchorage ARC VEC, P.O. Box 190192, Anchorage, AK 99519. Contact: Kent Petty, (907) 632-3963; website: www.kl7aa.org/vec; e-mail: vec@kl7aa.org

Central Alabama VEC, P.O. Box 1984, Madison, AL 35758. Contact: Banjamin Gentle, (938) 653-5155; website: www.cavec.us; e-mail: vec@cavec.us

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[5] *See* Letter from Benjamin Gentle, Central Alabama EC to Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC (filed Jan 7 2025 at https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/status/detail/confirmation/202501071480018348).